

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
AUGUST 20, 2014**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Absent
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes.

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. July 23, 2014 regular common council meeting

A **motion** was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Boy Scout. Eli Hopf with Boy Scout Troop 182 was present. He said he is working on the citizenship in the community badge.

Utility Service Board. General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on August 18, 2014. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

Extend gas utility to Whoderville subdivision. During Hauersperger's utility service board meeting report he said the Utility Service Board recommended to the City council to extend the gas utility service to the Whoderville subdivision. City Attorney Renee Kabrick said in order to proceed, the Utility Service Board sought council support to continue with the initial steps. A formal ordinance will be presented at the September council meeting. It was the consensus of the council members to proceed.

Review tax abatement compliance form [CF-1/real property]-Haddad Properties.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property for 2014 pay 2015 from Haddad Properties were previously distributed to the council members for their review.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to find that Haddad Properties LTD Partners is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for real property [CF-1/real property]. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2014-14 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

This ordinance appropriates additional money for the 2014 budget.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2014-15 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2015

This ordinance appropriates funds for the 2015 budget.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried 6-0.

A pre-adoption public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Final adoption will be on September 17, 2014.

**Ordinance No. 2014-16 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES AND
FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE CITY OF JASPER,
INDIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015**

This ordinance contains the advertised tax rate for the 2015 budget. The total advertised rate is .9630 based on 729,000,000 assessed value which is 85% of last year's AV.

A motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE
NO. 2013-28 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING SALARIES AND
WAGES FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE CIVIL CITY
EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR
2014**

This ordinance amends the 2014 civil city salary ordinance to add the legal assistant full time position and wage range.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-17. Motion carried 6-0.

Parklands. Council member Randall Buchta said he was under the assumption that after ten acres of the Parklands property is sold to the school, the remaining land would be transferred from the City of Jasper Redevelopment Commission [RDC] to the City of Jasper for the park department. Now he heard that is not going to happen and he asked why not.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said Richard Starkey with Barnes and Thornburg has been working with the RDC. He says if the property is redeveloped and if in the future tax increment financing [TIF] dollars are used towards infrastructure then RDC is the appropriate body to own the property. For that reason Starkey's recommendation is to keep RDC as the owner of the property.

Council member Kevin Manley said the council previously discussed that since that area is residential, the City will not do a TIF. He said the City has a park department and he does not believe the RDC should drive a park project. Manley said it was his understanding that the RDC was going to purchase the land in case

the price was more than the average of the two appraisals and the council authorized how much more the RDC could offer for the land. Manley also commented that the City has a Park Board and a park department so he does not see why the RDC is still involved.

Kabrick said CityVisions will have the final plan presentation at the Park Board and RDC meetings probably in September and the recommendation has been made for the RDC to authorize the Park Board to take over the plan. Kabrick also said according to Starkey, a park project is an economic development project for which RDC involvement and TIF consideration is appropriate. The build out of the property would be turned over to the Park Board.

Mayor Seitz said the RDC for a city is similar to other city boards. RDC is a wonderful tool that can be utilized for revenue sources such as TIF.

Council member Gregory Schnarr requested Kabrick research if there are any disadvantages if the Park Board holds the deed to the land instead of the RDC. He would like to have that information so we can best decide how to proceed. He wants to make sure we do not miss an opportunity if one board holds the title of the property vs. the other board.

Council member David Prechtel said he thinks we need better clarification of the purpose of the RDC.

Council member Randall Buchta said he thinks the RDC has done its job and in this case that board is no longer needed.

Kabrick agreed to provide the council with additional information.

Stellar community. Mayor Seitz congratulated the City of Huntingburg for being designated as a Stellar community.

Drone. Council member Earl Schmitt said some people want to know what the purpose of the drone was during the Strassenfest. Mayor Seitz said this remote-driven photo shoot was done to have an overlay for the downtown master plan.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 17th day of September, 2014.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer